

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 508  
S.D. 1  
H.D. 2  
C.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Madam and Sir:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 508, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to require noncandidate committee preliminary reports to be filed on October 1 of a general election year in addition to filing ten calendar days prior to a general, primary, special, or nonpartisan election.

Your Committee on Conference finds that existing law requires noncandidate committees to file preliminary reports ten days prior to the general election. However, with the increased use of absentee voting, including mail-in absentee ballots that are cast well before the ten day filing deadline, voters do not have access to the amount of money noncandidate committees spend on ballot initiatives or opposing or supporting candidates. This measure



requires an additional, earlier filing deadline for preliminary reports that disclose noncandidate committee expenditures to allow voters to "follow the money" regarding candidates and issues on the ballot.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of July 1, 2015.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 508, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 508, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf  
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE



KARL RHOADS, Co-Chair




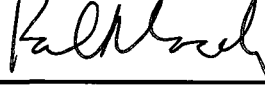
LYNN DECOITE, Co-Chair



GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



Record of Votes of a  
Conference Committee

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| Bill / Concurrent Resolution No.:<br><b>SB 508, SD 1, HD 2</b>  |   |                            |   |   | Date/Time: <b>4/28/15 3:18 PM</b>   |   |   |   |  |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the House and Senate managers is to pass with amendments (CD).            |   |                            |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision.  |   |                            |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the Senate Manager(s) is to AGREE to the House amendments made to the Senate Measure |   |                            |   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the House Manager(s) is to AGREE to the Senate amendments made to the House Measure. |   |   |   |  |  |
| Senate Managers   | A | WR                         | N | E | House Managers  | A | WR  | N | E  |  |
| KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C., Chr.  | ✓ |                            |   |   | RHOADS, Karl, Co-Chr.   | ✓ |   |   |  |  |
| SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.   | ✓ |                            |   |   | DECOITE, Lynn, Co-Chr.  | ✓ |   |   |  |  |
| SLOM, Sam   |   |                            |   | ✓ | TOKIOKA, James Kunane   |   |   |   | ✓  |  |
|   |   |                            |   |   | MCDERMOTT, Bob  | ✓ |   |   |  |  |
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| A = Aye   |   | WR = Aye with Reservations |   |   | N = Nay   |   | E = Excused                                 |   |  |  |
| Senate Recommendation is:<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted                       |   |                            |   |   | House Recommendation is:<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted                        |   |   |   |  |  |
| Senate Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature:<br> |   |                            |   |   | House Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature:<br> |   |   |   |  |  |
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